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Letter written by Fox & Still of Dover, Kentucky,  
in Mason County, Kentucky to Mr. Adam Beatty in Frankfort  
regarding sericulture in Kentucky. Beatty wrote extensively  
about Kentucky agriculture. The letter discusses the  
processes involved in sericulture and particularly the  
feeding of silkworms.

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***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Mason County  
Maysville  
Silk industry and trade  
Agriculture  
*Franklin Farmer*

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From: Collins' *History of Kentucky*, vol. 2, p. 589.

Judge Adam Beatty was born in Hagerstown, Md., May 10, 1777, and died on his farm near Washington, Mason Co., Ky., in 1858, aged 81 years. His father dying before he was grown, young Beatty's means of education were limited but well improved. He immigrated to Lexington, in 1800; studied law in the office of James Brown, afterwards U.S. minister to France (See sketch under Franklin county), and was a member of the debating club immortalized by Geo. D. Prentice in his life of Henry Clay; he then formed an intimacy with "the great Commoner," which lasted for life, over fifty years. In 1802, he settled at Washington in the practice of law; was commissioned by Gov. Chas. Scott a circuit judge in July, 1811, when 34 years old--resigning after 15 years, and removing to his farm, which then became his home and his chief occupation for 32 years. He represented Mason county in the legislature--in the house in 1809, '27, '28, and in the senate, 1837-39; was twice defeated for congress--in 1829, by Nicholas D. Coleman (still living, Dec., 1873, in Louisiana), by less than 20 votes, owing to the division caused by a third candidate, and in 1831, by the late chief-justice Thos. A. Marshall; was a presidential elector in 1840, casting the vote of Kentucky for Harrison and Tyler. Judge B. was active with his pen; wrote much for the county newspapers, especially in every local controversy, and for agricultural, historical, and religious periodicals elsewhere; he always wrote sensibly and well, although sometimes tedious. His work on Agriculture, 12mo., 1844, is full of able and practical essays--an exceedingly valuable record of rich agricultural experience and scientific observation.

Also see entry in *Biographical of Kentucky of the Dead and Living Men of the Nineteenth Century* (Cincinnati, OH: J.M. Armstrong & Co., 1878): 139.

#### 1850 Mason County Census

Adam Beatty	73 years	farmer	value of real estate \$20,150
Sarah Beatty	67 years		
Charles Beatty	10 years		
Cordelia Green	50		

#### 1850 Mason County Agricultural Census

200 acres of improved land  
125 acres of unimproved land  
\$16,250 is the cash value of the farm  
\$500 is the cash value of the farm implements/machinery  
\$1,260 is the cash value of the livestock

The Kentucky Library owns several of Beatty's books: S407 .B38 & S407 .B37